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A Nation Mourns

An assassin's bullet ended the life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, in Dallas, Texas on Friday, November 22, 1963.

In shocked disbelief, the nation through television and radio has shared the grief of the tragedy.

An honorable man, a good man, a man of faith, a man of vision—he had impressed the whole world. His was a giant intellect with a phenomenal grasp of history and ability to absorb facts, unusually combined with confidence and purpose to act. He was fluently expressive, by word or on paper, and physically and spiritually courageous.

Snatched from death's hands at least two times, he seemed destined to serve in the highest office in the land.

An ardent advocate of world peace, he said in his inaugural address "Let us begin," and begin he did.

The hearts of the people of America go out to his widow and children, parents, and brothers and sisters.

Assuming the awful responsibility of the Presidency, competent and experienced Lyndon B. Johnson promised to do his best and asked our help and God's.

Pearl Buck Home

Back in the summer Pearl Buck began negotiations to buy the home where she was born, restore it, and present it to the State of West Virginia. It seemed there were many obstacles and delays. Last week Delegate Tom Edgar and Attorney Eugene Simmons talked with the Governor in Charleston and Governor Barron set the wheels in motion to overcome these and has written Miss Buck. A lawyer in his office and Simmons, who is representing Mrs. John Townsend, the owner, will go to Pennsylvania later to try to complete the arrangements for this very generous offer that will mean so much to our county.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Total shares sold—105

Green Bank District Quota 60—Sold 33

Edray—Quota 70—Sold 52

Huntersville— Quota—30 Sold—2

Little Levels—Quota 40 Sold 18

Mrs. Goldie M. Beck has returned to her home in Los Angeles, California, after spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett G. Galford, of Marlinton, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 19. She made the round trip for the special occasion via Astro-Jet T. W. A. and American Air Lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Galford and Mrs. E. G. Galford all spent Sunday in Charleston They were accompanied by Mrs. Galford's daughter, Mrs. Goldie Beck, who boarded a plane to return to her home in Los Angeles, California.

Well Baby Clinic

The Hillsboro Well Baby Clinic sponsored by the P. T. A. will be held on the first Wednesday, December 4th, from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. in the Graded School Building.

Deer Checking Stations

The bucks only deer season opens on Monday, December 2. Conservation Officer Elmer White lists the six checking stations in the county as follows:

Floyd Collins Esso Station, Frank; Sheets Garage, Green Bank; Seneca State Forest Office; Francisco Service Station, Huntersville; Brill's Service Station, Marlinton; Lilly's Restaurant and Service Station, Hillsboro.

Assessments

The State Tax Department released this week detailed reports on the 55 counties' assessments.

Pocahontas County had an increase of 2.86 in assessed valuation and a 2.78 increase in taxes levied. The total assessed valuation is $20,902,430, an increase of $581,030. This is broken down into real estate, all classes, $8 554 380, personal property $6,752 550. and public utility property $5 595,500. Location of this property is $16.147,040 in the districts and $4,755,390 in the municipalities.

Taxes on this property amount to $253,634, an increase of $6,853 over 1962. This figure is broken down into $83,207 on real estate, $80,485 on personal property, and $84,942 on public utility property (this is $1,352 lower than last year.) This same figure is divided $74,133 from the four incorporated towns and $179,501 from the districts

This money will be spent as follows:

For state purposes $1568.

For county current expenses $89,731.

For school purposes $144,008

For municipal purposes $18,327.

Pocahontas has 367 horses valued at $18,750; 9,821 cattle valued at $721,650; 21,921 sheep valued at $315,420; and 1247 hogs valued at $16,210; agriculture personal property, $505.170; accounts receivable, $542,600; bank stock $419,500; 3.019 automobile valued at $1,368,820; household goods $550,750; other $2,293,680; total $6,752,550.

Pocahontas bows to Pendleton in the number of sheep. They have 319 more sheep then we do. But our sheep are worth $92,020 more than theirs.

Bear

In a postcard to C. O. Handley, director of research for the Department of Natural Resources, a Pendleton County resident reported killing an adult female black bear November 4 at Shavers Mountain in Pocahontas County.

Herbert Harper, a resident of the Mouth of Seneca, reported the bear was wearing tag no. 2509. Kermit Rinell, biologist in charge of bear study for the Game and Fish Division said that his records showed this bear was tagged on July 22, 1958, at the Otter Creek Game Management Area in Pocahontas County, near where it was killed.

Since this bear was estimated to be one or two years old at the time of tagging, it was six or seven years old when killed. Bears may live 20 or thirty years in captivity, but probably not so long in the wild, according to biologists.

College students are arriving home for the holidays.

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Nettie Brown, of Davin, have announced the engagement of her daughter, Karleen, to Kenneth M. Fox, son of Mrs. Mildred Fox. of Hillsboro, and the late Willie E. Fox. Miss Brown also is the daughter of the late Jason T. Brown.

Miss Brown was graduated from Oceana High School and attended the Huntington University of Business. She is employed by Standard Business Service, Inc., and Kelly Girl Service Inc., in Huntington. She is a member of the Seventh Avenue Baptist Church.

Mr. Fox was graduated from Hillsboro High School and Beckley College. He also studied at West Virginia Tech and Berea State College. He is stationed with the Air Force at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois.

Wedding plans are incomplete.

Scout Executive

J. Alex Gettman, President of the Buckskin Council, Boy Scouts of America, announced the employment of Ray Viers as District Scout Executive effective December 16.

Mr. Viers is a native of Pocahontas County and has been employed by the Chief Cornstalk Council Boy Scouts of America at Logan for the past three years. Prior to his employment by the Boy Scouts of America, he taught school for eight years in Putnam and Boone counties.

Mr. Viers is a graduate of Marshall University and served in the Air Force during World War II and was a volunteer scouter before entering Scouting professionally in 1960. He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, eight and five years of age. The Viers family will move to Charleston as soon as housing can be arranged.

Mr. Viers present assignment will be to serve as District Executive of the Shawnee which includes Charleston's East Side Kanawha City, South Hills and nearby areas. Charles Hoffman, District Scout Executive, who has been serving the Shawnee and Long Rifle Districts, will devote all his time to the Long Rifle District which includes Charleston's West Side, the Elk River Area and Clay County.

Viers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Viers, of Marlinton

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Moore of Warren, Ohio, recently visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Beasely spent the weekend of November 16 in Georgia.

Mrs. Edgar Dickson, of Ronceverte, visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Smith a day or two last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis and children, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Layman Davis.

Miss Edgar Thomas and Mrs. Hycie Callison are visiting the Rev. Harper Thomas Callison and family, at Bellepoint, and Alfred Dilley and family at Hinton, this week. They will also visit Dr. Holmes Blair and family, at Parkersburg, over the weekend

Mrs. Joseph Clark, the former Polly Matheny, of Green Bank, and family, have moved from Emerson, New Jersey to Beaverton, Oregon. Mr. Clark is employed by General Motors

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Eskridge will spend the Thanksgiving holidays in Pennsylvania

Mrs. Mary Hench recently returned from a visit in Pittsburgh. While there she visited Judge S. H. Sharp, who flew from Charleston to spend some time with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Guild.

Mrs. Mabel Thomas, of Cass, is living in Baltimore with her son, William Thomas.

Mrs. Mary Bradley, of Cass, is spencing the winter in Baltimore.

A new door and a new ball on the top of the flag pole have been installed at the post office.

Mrs. Hazel Bessling and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cochran spent the weekend in Cumberland, Maryland, and Bedford, Pennsylvania.

James Martin, of Martin's Appliance Center, is taking several weeks' training in Charleston.

Miss Ethel Barlow has returned from a visit with her niece, Mrs. Ann Cain, and her family in Elkins and with her brother-in-law and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Lockridge, in Staunton, Virginia. Her sisters, Mrs. Lockridge and Miss Mabel Barlow, brought her home on Sunday.

Thanksgiving Services

There will be Thanksgiving services at the Lower Buckeye Presbyterian Chapel Wednesday evening November 27, at 7:30 p. m.

Marlinton Presbyterian, Church, Wednesday, 7:30

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro, Wednesday, 7:30

Song Service

There will be a Song Service at the Huntersville Methodist Church Sunday, December 1, at 7:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to come and worship with us.

Ministers Urge Petition

The Pocahontas County Ministerial Association held a formal meeting on Monday, November 25 at 7. p. m., at the Marlinton Methodist Church with 14 of the county's 17 ministers present. The issue before them was the Supreme Court's ruling concerning reading of the Holy Bible and prayer in public schools, and the subsequent opinion voiced by the West Virginia Attorney General, C. Donald Robertson

The 14 ministers present unanimously agreed that proper and Constitutional steps should be taken by the American people, and the citizens of Pocahontas County in particular, to restore to our country the privilege of volunteer participation in the Christian exercises of worship in public schools and institutions, which traditionally have been observed in our schools, the privilege of which has now been denied.

We, the ministers of this county, will therefore circulate immediately the following petition, which we hope every qualified voter of Pocahontas County will sign, copies of which will be sent to our state Senators and Congressman:

We, the undersigned, being duly qualified voters do hereby respectfully submit the following petition to our representatives in Congress:

That the Constitution of the United States be amended to permit the reading of the Bible and offering of prayers in any governmental or public school, institution, or place, provided it is of voluntary participation.

We also urge every citizen of the county to write letters to their Congressman, Harley O. Staggers, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

It should be brought to the attention of the citizens of Pocahontas County that proposals for such amendment to the Constitution have been made by Senator Byrd and Congressman Staggers, as well as by others, to the Senate and House of Representatives.

FOUR-H CLUB NEWS

The Green Bank Merry Wigglers 4-H Club was called to order November 19, by the president Lamar Wooddell. The song leaders led us in the song and pledges.

The minutes were read and approved and the roll was called. The vice president, Jean Horner, led the devotions Scripture—Judy Lusk and everyone repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Old business—There is a bill to be paid at Matheny's Store We collected $35.72 for UNICEF.

New Business—We decided to sell food at the Odd Fellow's shooting match, November 23. We discussed having a Christmas party at our next meeting and a committee was appointed to plan for the refreshments: Dianna Lusk, Linda Taylor, Kathy Oliver, Beverly Taylor, Diane and Pat Waslo. Jean Horner and Deanne Lusk and Mike Waslo will decorate.

A count of members was made according to how many years they had been in club work. The new books were passed out and names were drawn for the Christmas meeting. The program followed:

Reading—Deanna Lusk

Poem—Mike Waslo

Poem—Beverly Galford

The meeting was then adjourned.

Beverly Galford—Reporter

Lobelia News

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pritt recently spent a week visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright and children in Falls Church, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. James Jacobs and son in Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Pritt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pritt in Newark, Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Register of Annadale, Virginia, are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Barcroft.

Family Concerts

The attention of the public is called to the fact that the ticket selling campaign of the Family Concert Association will get under way on December 2 and will last through December 15.

Our country has become aware of the necessity of developing a well balanced diet in the fields of culture and science, and your Family Concert Association is a big step in our community along these lines.



The Carradines

Three fine programs will be offered during the coming year On January 6 the Carradines, a drama group, will appear. On April 13, the well known choir from Emory and Henry College of Abingdon, Virginia, will perform, and on May 6, the Virginia Philharmonic Orchestra will appear and also will give a special program for school children on the morning of May 7.

A season ticket for the three programs is $2.00 for a student, $4.00 for adult, and $11.00 for a family.

Tickets purchased here may be used for any program given in Covington or Clifton Forge, Virginia.

You are cordially invited to enjoy these cultural programs.

Your Ruling

The Post Office Department has ruled that the Pocahontas Historical Society is entitled to special mailing rates as it is an educational organization. Under a section of the Internal Revenue laws the Society is ruled an educational organization.

The Society is now offering shares at $10 each in order to make its Museum and headquarters a vital organ in preserving the past and present for generations to come, as well as make available to the people of this County an educational and cultural center that will contribute in a major way to our education and progress. Will you RULE that this undertaking shall continue and give more than lip service to the ruling by the purchase of a share or shares in this community project?

Many individual and segments of our population are conspicuous by their absence from the 1963 published list of shareholders. Anyone that recognizes the value of education and wants a good education for their children and does not support this project is saying one thing and doing another; for inaction is just another way of ruling against this endeavor.

Many objectives have been set for this project, including art shows and classes, musical programs, adult education classes, travelogs and collection and preservation of our history and culture, etc.

It has been said that "today the small community museums many of which have been organized in the decade following World War II, far outnumber the larger and economically sound museums. Each is a local expression of a deep-seated, but vague, nation-wide recognition of the educational and cultural opportunities offered by community museums. The museum movement is one of the constructive forces in our changing social structure. Increased leisure and broader recognition of educational resources contribute to its strength."

If you are in sympathy with these objectives, let us have your support by becoming a shareholder. Contact any Society officer, Mrs. R. R. Pittman, chairman of sales, or her sales representatives: Ernestine Clarkson, Cass; William Powell, Bartow; Mary Lou Dilley, Huntersville; Harry Sheets, Marlinton; Catherine McClure, Mill Point. If you don't act you are voting "No" to education and this project.

What will be your ruling?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Pocahontas County
Historical Society

Deaths

Frank Reda

Frank Reda, 90, of Durbin, died on Saturday, November 16, 1963, in a Charleroi, Pennsylvania, hospital after a three year illness.

Mr. Reda was born in Pietrafitta, Italy, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reda. April 1, 1892, he married the former Mary Si Nardo in Italy, who died February 17, 1959.

He was a member of St. Brendan's Catholic Parish in Elkins. Mr. Reda operated a grocery in Durbin for more than 50 years.

Survivors include eight sons, Ralph Reda, of Dayton, Ohio, Paul Reda, of Berkley, Michigan, Sam and Joseph Reda, both of Valley Bend, Ernest Reda, of Detroit, Michigan, Louis A. Reda, of Sarasota, Florida, Arnold Reda, of Mill Creek, and Victor Reda, of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; three daughters, Mrs. Rose Dimasi, of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Antionette Spina, of Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Louise Collins, of Durbin; 25 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

Requiem high mass and burial were held Wednesday in Elkins.

Roland Paul Sharp

Dr. Roland Paul Sharp, Jr., 31, of Mullens, died Sunday, November 24, 1963. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was born September 11, 1932, at Athens the son of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Sharp, Sr., of Frost, formerly of Mullens.

Mr. Sharp attended Greenbrier Military School, Concord College at Athens and the University of Virginia. He was graduated from Mullens High School in 1950 and the Osteopathy Hospital in Kirksville, Missouri, in 1958. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose No. 750 and the Mullens Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Melva Lilly Sharp; a son, R. P. Sharp III; four daughters, Sherry Lynn Paula Anna Melanie Kay and Suzanne Marie, all at home; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Sharp, Sr., of Frost; and his grandparents, Mrs. D. A. Curry, of Frost, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price, of Athens.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Baptist Church at Mullens. Burial was at Athens.

Emory H. Smith

Emory H. Smith, 86, of Colusa, California, died of a heart attack at his home on Saturday, November 9, 1963. He is survived by his wife, Anna Roeber Smith; one son, James Emory Smith, and one sister, Mrs. O. H. Reynolds.

William K. Coffman

William K. Coffman, 56, died Monday, November 18, 1963, in Springfield, Missouri, after a four day illness.

Mr. Coffman was a native of Staunton, Virginia; he had lived in Akron, Ohio, for 15 years. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Margaret Wallace Coffman, (formerly of Hillsboro); two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Anscoughs and Margaret Ann Coffman, and two grandchildren, all of Akron, Ohio; two brothers, Isaac and Robert Coffman, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Forsythe, all in Virginia.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Adams Funeral Home. Burial was in East Akron Cemetery.

Delbert O. Cogar

Delbert O. Cogar was born October 8, 1907, near Marlinton, and departed this life on November 11, 1963, at the age of 56 years.

He was the son of Jacob O Cogar and Myrtle Poage Cogar

His father preceded him in death on October 3, 1945.

He was a member of the Edray Methodist Church.

He was a Veteran of World War II having served on Christmas Island in the South Pacific; and a member of the V. F. W.

He is survived by his mother, a sister, Mrs. Forrest Van Reenen and a brother, Roscoe Cogar, all of Warren, Ohio, and a nephew, Eugene VanReenen, of Garden Grove, California.

Delbert was never married and had been a resident of Marlinton all of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Galford and children spent Sunday in Covington visiting relatives.

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John F. Kennedy

MAY 29, 1917 - NOVEMBER 22, 1963

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For Governor

Hulett C. Smith, of Beckley, State Commerce Commissioner announced last Tuesday that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of West Virginia on May 12, 1964. A printer's mistake has caused a delay in material and, following the President's death, it seems most political activity will wait until nearer the actual filing date of January 6.

R. L. Davidson

Robert Lee Davidson, 75, city treasurer for the City of Buena Vista for 22 years, died Sunday, November 17, 1963, in a Lexington hospital, after a two year illness.

Following re-election two years ago, Davidson suffered a stroke and was confined to his home

He served on City Council for a number of years and was active in the Buena Vista Rotary Club, representing the club at several national and international meetings. He was also a deacon in the Buena Vista Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elsie Slough Davidson; one daughter, Mrs. Curtis W. Floyd, of Buena Vista, Virginia; two [illegible] Eades, of Marlinton, and Mrs. Annie Nokes, of Taveras, Florida; two brothers, John Davidson, of Provo, Utah, and D. L. Davidson, of Buena Vista, Virginia.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Buena Vista Baptist Church. Burial was in the Green Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Davidson visited his sister, Mrs. Birdie Eades, here quite often before his illness, and is known by some of the people here.

Rev. Henry Dodril

Rev. Henry Dodril, 78, a Baptist minister, died Thursday, November 14, 1963, in a hospital in Pennsylvania after a long illness. He was first married to Minnie Wooddell, of Linwood, and their son, Avis Dodril, of Dallas, Texas, survives him. Also surviving is his present wife.

Attending the funeral in Webster Springs on Monday were G. D. Wooddell and Stanley Wooddell, of Marlinton, and Carl Wooddell and Keith Wooddell, of Linwood, nephews of Rev. Dodril

Hospital Patients

Marlinton—Robert Kellogg, Mrs. Maude Waugh, Frank Young, Mrs. Polly Moore, Morris Friel Harvey Hamrick, Lanty Hogsett.

Seebert—Neal Wade, Mrs. Woodsie B. Henderson.

Mill Gap, Virginia—Mrs. Minnie Perry.

Buckeye—Mrs. Elva Schoolcraft.

Cass—Mrs. Mamie Sheets.

Hillsboro—Lodge Walton, Baby Charlotte Hively.

Mill Point—Mrs. Jo Ann Triplett.

Huntersville—Mrs. Laura Wilfong, Arthur Jordan.

Renick—Mrs. Myrtle Hooke, Mrs. Linda Keene.

Green Bank—Mrs. Ada Stone

Bartow—Mrs. Ona Campbell.

Dailey—Howard Shoemake.

Minnehaha Springs—Mrs. Della Wade.

BIRTHS—

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McFadden, of Marlinton, on Sunday, November 17, 1963, a son, named Ronnie Joe

Born to Mr. and Mrs Starling McBride, of Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, November [illegible] daughter, named Tammy Dawn. The McBrides have one other daughter Beverly Lynn. The mother is the former Wilma Jean Clingman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clingman, of Renick.

The Rev. L. E. Saville is at the Medical Center at Morgantown where he underwent surgery Monday.

Mrs. Glenn Tracy, of Boyer, will return to Baltimore Women's Hospital for further observation and treatment on Thursday.

Recent guests at the G. P. Tracys home at Boyer, were their two daughters, Mrs. John Jones and family, and Mrs. Robert Bittle and family.

Mrs. Rubye Douglas, of Ravenna, Ohio, is here to visit homefolks over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Joyce and family, of Bluefield, Virginia, were here for the week end to visit her father, A. W. Hill, and other relatives and friends.

Harvey Hamrick suffered a broken leg in an automobile collision Sunday afternoon.

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AT YOUR



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